

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
Department of Telecommunications and Energy
Fitchburg Gas and Electric Light Company
Docket Nos. D.T.E. 02-24 and D.T.E. 02-25
Responses to the Department's Second Set of Information Requests

Request No. DTE 2-16:

Refer to Schedules MHC-7-16 (Gas) and MHC-7-13 (Electric). The total amount of rate case expense for the test year ended December 31, 2001, for gas and electric rate cases is \$495,750 and \$751,750 respectively. Please explain why electric rate case expenses has been estimated at approximately \$256,000 more than gas rate case expenses.

Response:

The rate case expenses referenced above are comprised largely of costs that cannot be readily identified as specifically gas or electric. As such, these costs are charged to a common account and allocated to gas and electric expense based on a 35% and 65% basis, respectively.

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